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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
HIROYUKI EBINUMA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: DUFFY, PATRICIA ANN
SERIAL NO.: 10/575,711 :
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FOR: METHOD OF PRETREATING :
SAMPLE AND IMMUNOLOGICAL
ASSAY METHOD USING THE SAME

AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 12, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.